



Sovereign Grace Church

April 21st, 2024

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

“Neither is there salvation in any other [except the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God]: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

(Acts 4:12) [John 6:69]

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THE only way we won't harshly judge our brethren is to see ourselves as we really are. An honest view of self will stop us from being harsh to others because an honest view of self shows me that I am the chief of sinners. The chief of sinners has no right to look down his nose at anyone. [What did our brother, Saint Paul, say? *"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on Him to life everlasting."* (1 Timothy 1:15-16) AMEN!]

— Frank Tate

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *utmost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Tyler Richards, April 23rd

Alyson Murphy, April 25th

Resources

VISIT our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Knowing Salvation Is Of The Lord

“... *salvation is of the LORD*” (Jonah 2:9)

FALSE religion would have us believe that Christ died for all men so the sinner must do something to make Christ's sacrifice effectual for them. That doctrine is heresy that makes salvation depend, at least in part, upon the work of man. The holy scriptures make plain that none of man's works ever contribute anything to salvation. “*Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but BY THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST, even WE HAVE BELIEVED IN JESUS CHRIST, that WE MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED BY THE FAITH OF CHRIST, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified*” (Galatians 2:16). Salvation is the work of God only. The salvation of a sinner is a work ordained by God the Father in eternity, worked out by God the Son when He came in the flesh, and applied by God the Holy Spirit in the new birth. “*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost*” (Titus 3:5). Sinner, if you would be saved there is one thing you must do. You must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. But don't confuse faith for a work of man. No man by nature can believe God. Faith is a gift God gives His people. “*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God*” (Ephesians 2:8). [AMEN!]

— Frank Tate

“He Is Able—To Save Them To The Uttermost...”

“... *He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him...*” (Hebrews 7:25)

THE Holy Spirit sets forth that our Lord Jesus saves His people “*to the uttermost*”; and why is that? To teach us that salvation is by Him, and only Him, indeed that salvation is of the LORD! (Jonah 2:9). Any message that teaches that you must do your part and the Lord will do the rest to save you, is no gospel at all! Rather this word *uttermost* tells us that the Lord is *all* of our salvation; indeed that He's the *author* and *finisher* of it. For He takes His people (men, women, and children) who are dead in trespasses and sins and saves them to the uttermost!

So, who exactly does He do this for? My friend, He does this for those sinners who are ever looking to Him for *all* of their salvation; for those who are ever “*looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God*” (Hebrews 12:2). AMEN!

— JDM

The Believer's Confession

“...whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.” (Acts 16:14)

READER, the help you need, the help I need, the help that every sinner needs is Christ. And when He is preached, His blessed person and His finished saving work, our good and ready to forgive God opens the hearts of His people, and makes them to know and confess His Son as their Lord and God. What was the evidence that Lydia's heart was opened to believe Christ? We read that she confessed Him in the waters of baptism, indeed, *“she was baptized”* (Acts 16:15). Confessing Christ is not checking off some box on a pamphlet, it's not repeating after me 'the sinner's prayer'—rather, baptism is the believer's confession of what the Lord has already done. You see, believers are not baptized *to be saved*, but rather because *they already are!* [Romans 6:1-14].

Christ makes all who believe to know that they are unworthy dogs, sinners without merit, and that He alone has saved them, loved them, by making them *perfect* through His precious blood and righteousness [Mark 7:27-28, Hebrews 10:14]. Reader, I pray that by His Spirit, He will be pleased to help you and show you that what plagues you, is not money problems, not family problems, not health problems but rather, what plagues you is a heart that will forever remain dead to *true* love, if God doesn't do something for you and open it. Your only hope, sinner, is for our Sovereign God to send His Spirit to you and quicken you to believe and to confess His Son as your Lord and God. AMEN!

— JDM

Salvation Is Of God That Sheweth Mercy

“...it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy” (Romans 9:16)

READER, has God shown you mercy? If you can confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God; He most certainly has [Acts 8:26-40]. My friend, salvation is not found in believing doctrines, rather it is found, through God's undeserved grace, by believing on His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps someone schooled in religion might ask you questions, like 'Do you believe in Total Depravity? Do you believe in Unconditional Election, or Limited Atonement, Irresistible Grace, or Perseverance of the Saints?' Believing doctrines won't save you, rather you must believe Christ to be saved, and if you believe Him, you will believe His doctrine. Indeed, *“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son”* (2 John 1:9). You see, the only doctrine, the only teaching, the only teacher that should matter to you, is Christ. And if you find yourself believing on the Son of God; He is your Lord and God and you will obey His gospel command: to confess Him in the waters of baptism and to remember Him at His table, *till He come*. AMEN!

— JDM